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FROM: BERLIN

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 822, OCTOBER 24, MIDNIGHT

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 822, BONN PRIORITY 725, INFORMATION LONDON
PRIORITY 537, PARIS PRIORITY 581, MOSCOW PRIORITY 513,
POLAD USAREUR PRIORITY 445.

PARIS FOR EMBASSY, USRO, STOESSSEL AND MCGUIRE

AT 7:45 P.M. TODAY, STATE DEPARTMENT LICENSED (OFFICIAL)
SEDAN DRIVEN BY MISSION OFFICER IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES ENTERED
EAST BERLIN AT FRIEDRICHSTRASSE AND RETURNED TO WEST BERLIN
SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

AT ABOUT 9:45 P.M., PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLE WITH U.S. FORCES
PLATES AND DRIVER AND PASSENGER IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES WAS
DENIED ENTRY BY VOPOS, WHO SAID THEY ACTING UNDER MINISTRY
INTERIOR INSTRUCTIONS. BERLIN COMMAND PROVOST MARSHAL
DROVE UP TO HELP BUT WAS UNABLE PERSUADE VOPO'S PERMIT
PASSAGE. AFTER PROTESTING ILLEGALITY OF VOPO ACTION, BOTH
VEHICLES RETURNED TO US CHECKPOINT. LARGE NUMBERS OF PRESS
PRESENT.

WE ATTEMPTING TONIGHT OBTAIN INTERVIEW FOR GEN. WATSON WITH
COL. SOLOVYEV TOMORROW MORNING.

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